

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.9258 of 2007

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Dt: 27.04.2007

Between:

St.Mary's College Engineering & Technology.

.. Petitioner

and

The Joint Transport Commissioner & Secretary,
and another.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

The vehicle of the petitioner bearing No.AP-09-Y-4180 was seized on 20.04.2007, on the ground that the petitioner failed to produce the necessary documents in relation to it. The petitioner challenges the seizure.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for the respondents.

A perusal of the Vehicle Check Report, dated 20.04.2007, issued by the 2nd respondent, discloses that the petitioner did not produce the Driving Licence and did not pay the tax for the quarter ending with 30.06.2007. Certain other lapses were also pointed out. The liability of the petitioner in the context of these observations needs to be established in the proceedings to be initiated under the relevant provisions of the

Motor Vehicles Act. If the vehicle is detained and kept in the custody of the 2nd respondent till such proceedings take place, not only the petitioner would be put to irreparable loss, but also the vehicle would be exposed to the danger of theft and damage. The interest of the State can be protected by imposing necessary conditions, while permitting the petitioner to keep the custody of the vehicle.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that-

- a) the vehicle of the petitioner, bearing No.AP-09-Y-4180, shall be released, on payment of dues of tax and a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only); and
- b) the petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking to the effect that it shall not alienate the vehicle, till the proceedings in pursuance of the Check Report are finalized and that it shall produce the vehicle as and when required.

27.04.2007

Note:

Issue C.C. by Monday.

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